

speech of Connelley (Stinley) as it was
reported in the Patriot Dublin newspaper
of the 17th June have been made by that
gentleman at the aggregate meeting of
the Catholics of Ireland. His name
greatly has been the marks of Con-
descension & kindness which I have
been happy enough to receive from
his Royal Highness, I mean that
to know of receiving from him any
thing in his writing, nor could I
know his kind country, having never
seen anything to the contrary Royal
Highness. The Connelley & Gilley
will have no time to have their
letter to be put into rectification, as I shall
necessarily do so myself. I
have communicated with him thro
a friend of his on the subject, for I
was not acquainted with his wishes
nearly, but as you may well judge
without letting him know from what
quarter I had received information of
a circumstance so of a nature to my
feelings. I did not advise in Dublin till

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Ld. Kenmare to Col. McMahon

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The 3rd of Feb, 1800 I did not see the speeches
made at that meeting nor hear a word
of my name having been introduced
at it. Indeed I own to you I seldom
read the speeches made at these
meetings or any other receipt of
of them made in Parliament, nor
have I for this long many years
been in the habit of visiting either
no more than they read the
how I have I might have had some
of hearing of what was said of me.
They leave to add that in order to
excite my suspicion of evasion
in any sort of subterfuge on my part,
I stated to the House & wrote to the
I could equally assure Comd. Dr. Riley
that not only Sir R. Bingham had me
well honoured me with my documents
of promise of plea, in writing under
his own hand, but that I never had
received any such thing, in writing
from any person by the Command
of the Royal Highness.

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permit me to request of you to state
the earliest & most favorable opportunity
of presenting to His Royal Highness
the homage of my most sincere &
devoted ^{& respectful} attachment &
^{& gratitude} there is nothing I would
not submit rather than His Royal
Highness's good opinion of me
which I should have coveted, could
I have been capable of such an act
of impropriety & indiscretion as
is now attributed to me, ^{by disclosing}
a correspondence on matters of
so delicate a nature, had it to be
known that I ever had been honored
with such a distinguished mark
of his Confidence or such weighty &
important His Concerns, how could
any one think me entitled in any
degree to such a thing? that is what
I wonder at the most. I request my
best respects to Mrs M of whom I
have the honor to remain & believe
your much obliged ^{servant} & friend
L. M. M.